

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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Assembly Bill 241 transfers administration of the Business Employees' Skills Training (BEST) grant program from the Department of Commerce to the Technical College System Board, raises from \$10,000 to \$20,000 the maximum in grants that the Board may award a business under the program, and makes several other changes to the program. In particular, under *current law*, a business eligible for a grant under the program must either employ no more than 25 full-time employees, or must have had no more than \$2,500,000 in gross annual income in the year preceding the year in which the business receives the grant. Under *Assembly Bill 241*, an eligible business must either employ no more than 100 full-time employees, or must have had no more than \$2,500,000 in gross annual income in the year preceding the year in which the business receives the grant.

Assembly Amendment 1 makes two changes to this requirement, as reflected in the bolded numbers in the following two bullets, so that an eligible business either:

- Must employ no more than **50** full-time employees, or
- Must have had no more than \$5,000,000 in gross annual income in the year preceding the year in which the business receives the grant.

Legislative History

On April 5, 2005, the Joint Committee on Finance introduced Assembly Amendment 1 and recommended adoption of the amendment, both on votes of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of the bill as amended on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 6.

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